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APPROVED LABORATORIES FOR DRUG TESTING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the laboratories approved by the Drug Controller Port Offices, where samples of drug can be tested to avoid delay and harassment to genuine importers;

(b) whether the importers are being exploited to pay higher charges for samples to be tested;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued to simplify the procedure in this regard; and

(e) if so, the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): A list of private laboratories, approved by the Port Offices to test samples drawn on random basis from the consignments imported into the country, is annexed.

(b) & (c): Samples from the drug consignments are drawn by the Port Officers on random basis to assess the quality of drugs imported into the country. These samples are to be tested by the government laboratories under the control of the Ministry of Health and FW. At the request of importers to avoid delay some of the samples from the imported consignments are forwarded by the port offices to other testing laboratories that already have approval in Form-37 under the provisions of Rules made under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. The rates being charged by these laboratories is a matter between the importer and the laboratories.

(d) & (e): Question does not arise.

Annexure

List of Private Laboratories

Kolkata

1. Vimta Laboratory, Hyderabad
2. Superintendent India Ltd, Kolkata
3. National Test House(Govt. of India) Kolkata.

Mumbai

1. Bee-Pharma Laboratories, Mumbai
2. Geo-chem Analytical Laboratory, Mumbai
3. Ita Lab Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai
4. Hexa Analytical Lab, Mumbai
5. Maneesha Analytical Lab, Mumbai
6. Chemo Test Lab, Mumbai
7. Para Lab Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai
8. Invo-chem Lab, Mumbai

Chennai

1. A to Z Laboratory, Chennai
2. SGS Laboratory, Chennai

Delhi

1. Sri Ram Institute for Industrial Research, Delhi
2. Arbro Pharmaceutical Ltd., New Delhi